

**Physicians Guide for
Health-Related (Special Education) Services for Children**

***Medicaid and School Districts partner to provide services to
students with disabilities***

Your help is needed - Public Law 94-142, 1975, mandates that children with disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate education. The Individual Education Plan (IEP) must specify all services needed by each child. Senate Report 94-168, 1975, states that school districts are not expected to be the sole fiscal provider of services to children with disabilities, but should use other funding sources including Medicaid when available. In 1993, Idaho Medicaid worked with the Idaho Department of Education to facilitate rules for school districts to enable them to access Medicaid funding for health related services that are identified in the IEP. If a child is Medicaid eligible and receives medically necessary services from the school district, the district may bill Medicaid for these services.

How Physicians can help?

- **If a school district requests an order for evaluation(s) or service(s) for a child, as determined by the professionals on the child's IEP team, please provide the order so the school district can capture a portion of the costs incurred for the service(s).**
 - This maximizes the state general fund dollars
 - Students benefit when services are delivered in the natural setting of the school through the authorized plan of care; the IEP.

- **Care-management**
Please use the services page of the IEP and evaluation reports, provided by the school district as a basis to determine what additional services, (if requested by another provider), are medically necessary for the child's medical/ behavioral healthcare.

- **Remind parents to schedule the "well-child" check.**

Health Related Services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement include:

• Speech/Language and Hearing Services • Occupational/Physical Therapy • Developmental Therapy • Psychological Testing & Therapy • Transportation • Nursing Services • Psychosocial Rehabilitation • Intensive Behavioral Intervention • Durable Medical Equipment, • Personal Care Services

Thank you for your cooperation.